CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1.   A method comprising:

presenting virus information of a computing device on an exterior panel of the computing device; and

receiving commands from the exterior panel to perform anti-virus operations.

2.   The method of claim 1 wherein receiving commands comprises:

presenting at least one option on a display module located on the exterior panel.

3.   The method of claim 1 wherein presenting virus information comprises:

displaying progress of the anti-virus operations on a display module located on the exterior panel.

4.   The method of claim 1 wherein presenting virus information further comprises:

providing a virus indicator button on the exterior panel to indicate a virus status of the computing device.

5.   The method of claim 4 wherein providing a virus indicator button comprises:

indicating a presence of a virus on the computing device.

6.   The method of claim 4 wherein providing a virus indicator button further comprises:

indicating anti-virus software on the computing device as out-of-date.

7.   The method of claim 4 wherein providing a virus indicator button further comprises:

activating the virus indicator button to trigger the anti-virus operations.

8. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
highlighting an icon on a display module at the exterior panel to indicate an associated activity as needing attention.

9. An apparatus comprising:
a display module on an exterior panel to present virus information of the computing device; and
a plurality of user buttons adjacent to the display module to receive commands to perform anti-virus operations.

10. The apparatus of claim 9 further comprising:
a virus indicator button on the exterior panel to indicate a virus status of the computing device and to trigger the anti-virus operations when activated.

11. The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the virus indicator button comprises:
a light-emitting diode (LED) to display a first color to indicate a presence of virus on the computing device and a second color to indicate anti-virus software on the computing device as out-of-date.

12. The apparatus of claim 9 wherein the display module comprises:
a liquid-crystal module (LCM).

13. The apparatus of claim 9 further comprises:
a microcontroller including a first logic unit to display progress of the anti-virus operations on the display module.

14. The apparatus of claim 9 further comprising:
a microcontroller including a second logic unit to display at least one option on the display module, wherein the displayed option is positioned adjacent to one of the user buttons.

15.   A system comprising:

a main display;

a computing device coupled to the main display, wherein the personal computing device includes:

a liquid-crystal module (LCM) display on an exterior panel of the computing device to present virus information; and

a plurality of user buttons adjacent to the LCM display to receive commands to perform anti-virus operations.

16.   The system of claim 15 further comprising:

a virus indicator button on the exterior panel to indicate a virus status of the computing device and to trigger the anti-virus operations when the virus indicator button is activated.

17.   The system of claim 16 wherein the virus indicator button comprises:

a light-emitting diode (LED) to display a first color to indicate a presence of virus on the computing device and a second color to indicate anti-virus software on the computing device as out-of-date.

18.   The system of claim 15 further comprising:

a processing core to execute anti-virus software and to cause the virus information to be presented on the LCM display.

19.   The system of claim 15 further comprising:

a microcontroller including a first logic unit to display progress of the anti-virus operations on the LCM display.

20.   The system of claim 15 further comprising:

a microcontroller including a second logic unit to display at least one option on the LCM display, wherein the displayed option is positioned adjacent to one of the user buttons.